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SUBJECT: COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS

REF: (A) SEOUL 4340 (B) STATE 131861

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FONMIN KIM TONG-CHOSULY 18  
TO DISCUSS COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS TO BE INSTITUTED SHOULD  
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2. KIM SAID THE MOFA HAD HELD PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH

MND AND OTHER AGENCIES BUT THAT THE HAD NOT YET DISCUSSED ISSUE IN DETAIL WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE WAS THUS UNABLE TO OPEN TALKS WITH THE AMBASSADOR AT THIS TIME.

3. KIM SAID, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THE ROK AND US POSITIONS ON A COMBINED COMMAND ARRANGEMENT EVIDENTLY DIFFERED ON THREE POINTS:

(A) THE USG HOLDS THAT A US FOUR-STAR GENERAL WOULD BE COMMANDER OF A COMBINED COMMAND AS LONG AS THERE WAS A "SIGNIFICANT" US TROOP PRESENCE IN KOREA. THE ROKG POSITION CALLED FOR A US COMMANDER AS LONG AS THE "PRESENT LEVEL" OF US FORCES WAS MAINTAINED.

(B) THE USG WOULD NOT PUT US FORCES IN KOREA UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE COMBINED COMMAND. THE ROKG POSITION WAS THAT FORCES OF BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD BE UNDER THE COMMAND'S OPERATIONAL CONTROL. A LIST WOULD BE DRAWN UP BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT SPECIFYING WHICH US AND ROK UNITS WOULD BE PLACED UNDER THE COMMAND'S OPCON.

(C) THE ROKG WOULD SUBORDINATE THE COMBINED COMMAND TO A MILITARY COMMITTEE OR SIMILAR ORGAN; THE US DID NOT FAVOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

4. TAKING NOTE OF KIM'S POINTS, THE AMBASSADOR URGED THAT THEY BEGIN DISCUSSIONF ON ISSUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KIM SAID HE THOUGHT TALKS COULD GET UNDERWAY EARLY NEXT WEEK. SNEIDER UNQUOTE

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